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4 of a material including particles, woven and matted filaments, metal powders and particle  
5 sponges, and,  
6 a coating of gold on said contacting member on at least a portion contacting said spillage  
7 area.

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Kindly amend Claim 11 to specify the spilled material to be mercury and the coating to be gold as follows:

instructions

line 1 erase the cross hatched "material" and in lieu thereof insert the underlined -mercury-, line 3 erase the cross hatched "a material" and in lieu thereof insert the underlined - gold-; and line 4 erase the crosshatched "material" and in lieu thereof insert the underlined mercury.

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1 11. In the handling of spilled material mercury through transfer from the spillage location,  
2 the improvement comprising:  
3 the use of a deformable absorber member with a thin surface coating of a material gold  
4 that has a high affinity for said spilled material mercury.

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2 the improvement comprising:  
3 the use of a deformable absorber member with a thin surface coating of gold that  
4 has a high affinity for said spilled mercury.

Erase claims 12 to 15.